

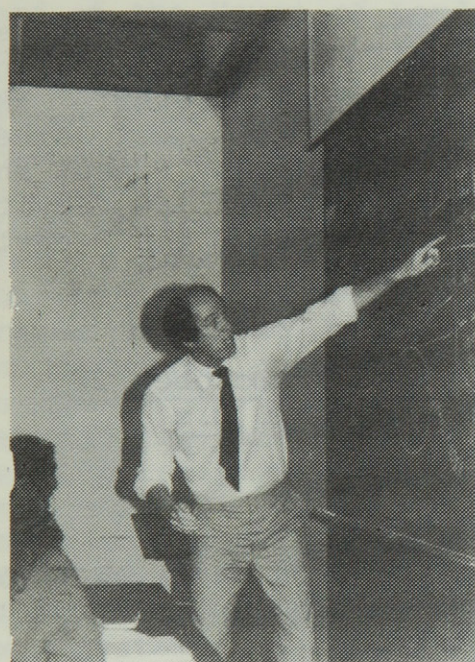
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DEAN'S HOT SEAT DOESN'T CATCH FIRE



The Dean's Hot Seat might have been called the Dean's Tepid Seat, given the fact that only four people attended. Nevertheless, the questions and answers at the Hot Seat served to inform students about the status of semi-obligatory requirements at the Faculty. The scheme of semi-obligs can be quickly summarized in a diagram which Dean Macdonald presented:

The proposal which the Civil Law contingent is examining includes a complete restructuring of the first-year curriculum. These would include more obligatory credits, but fewer semi-obligs so as to reduce the combined total of credits by five. Given the fact that a restructured Civil Law component may include a drastic change in the first-year curriculum (removal of Family Law, addition of Possession and Prescription, Modalities and Extinction, and Obligations, to name a few) students presently in the Faculty might be subject to some interim program when they would be given a choice of categories of semi-obligs from which to choose; this would ensure that any students presently enrolled in the Faculty would graduate with at least some of the courses which were felt to be essential to a core civilian curriculum.

The Common Law proposal may include a complete removal of the semi-obligatory requirement accompanied by an increase in obligatory requirements.

Since some students have budgeted their second term

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| | Civil Law Semi-Obligs | Common Law Semi-Obligs |
|---------------|---|---|
| 1982-85 grads | 17 credits | 15 credits |
| 1986 grads | Either 17 or whatever the Curriculum Committee proposes as a transitional regime. | 6 |
| 1987 | Whatever the Curriculum Committee proposes on Nov. 30 | Either 6 or whatever the Curriculum Committee proposes Nov. 30. |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

To the Graduating Class of 1986:

We would like to organize a Graduation Banquet & Ball to follow the traditional champagne toast at Chancellor Day Hall, the night before the big time parchment ceremony at Place des Arts.

We are interested in soliciting your moral support for this event. If you feel this is worth pursuing, then contact the graduation committee members.

Mark Ciarallo
Richard Kurland
Vicki Sterling

Examination Numbers

All Law students (Full Time, Visiting, & Special) please pick up an examination number at the Student Affairs Office starting the week of Monday, October 7.

N.B. All examinations are written by examination number.

Attention all Students First Term Transcript Verification

All students must verify their transcripts at the Student Affairs Office, commencing Wednesday, October 16.

Graduating students are especially urged to verify their transcripts immediately.

Your compliance in verifying your record as early as possible will ensure immediate processing of corrections.

N.B.: The Student Affairs Office is here to assist you, and thanks you for your cooperation.

LSA Office Hours

Want to speak to an LSA Council member? We have daily office hours. Check the LSA office door for office hours.

Lawyers for Social Responsibility

Coming Attractions:

Annual Montreal Peace March: Walk for peace with LSR and hundreds of other groups...meet McGill Main Gate 11:45 p.m. Saturday October 19.

Common Room Coffeehouse: change the nature of the common room forever! Espresso, bakes and other libations; Lenny Pinkus and other homegrown law faculty music* into the early hours...

Tuesday, October 22
7:30 p.m.

*if you'd like to play, phone Dean Proctor, 739-7610.

FORUM NATIONAL PRESENTE

Le mercredi 30 octobre, une conférence d'une journée sous le thème: "L'éthique bio-médicale et le droit dans un contexte clinique".

Participeront à la table ronde:

--MME EDITH DELEURY de l'université Laval;

--M. TED KEYSERLINK de la Commission de la réforme du droit du Canada;

--DR. DAWSON SCHULTZ de l'hôpital pour enfants de Montréal;

--REV. ROGER BALK de l'hôpital Royal Victoria;

--DR. BERNARD LEDUC de l'hôpital Notre-Dame.

A compter du mois de novembre, viendront tour à tour nous entretenir de différents sujets de leur choix des personnalités de marque dont:

--le juge ROSALIE S. ABELLA, présidente de la Commission de relations de travail de l'Ontario;

--M. MARC LALONDE, exministre des finances;

--HON. JOHN TURNER, leader de l'opposition;

--HON. JOE CLARK, ministre des affaires extérieures.

D'autres invités viendront s'ajouter au programme et seront annoncés au cours de l'année.

Remerciements à Christine Caouette, Barry Kwasniewski, Jocelyne L'anglais et Dilette Prando du Forum National pour leur intéressante programmation.

Diane Brais

DEFINING THE ROLE OF THE SUPREME COURT

by Sonia Struthers

An international panel of jurists spoke on the role of courts of last resort, at the final session of the "Conference on the Supreme Court of Canada" sponsored by the University of Ottawa from 2-4 October, 1985.

Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, a former Scottish Law Lord of the House of Lords, opened the session. Unlike the final courts of appeal of the other countries represented, the House is not charged with the protection of a written Constitution or of a Charter of Rights. Nonetheless, Lord Fraser argued that the House has an important role to play in the supervision of the law and the development of legal principles. He also remarked that the House as the final court of resort for Scotland and England since 1707 has brought the two systems of law much closer together.

The second speaker, Louis Favoreu, President of the Université d'Aix-Marseille, described the revolutionary role the French Conseil Constitutionnel has played in the protection of human rights. Since 1946, all constitutional matters have been reserved exclusively for the Conseil. During the early 1970s, the Conseil declared *La déclaration des droits de l'homme et du citoyen de 1789* and the preamble to the 1946 Constitution, which until then had lain dormant, to have force and effect. The Conseil's decision imposed respect for fundamental liberties upon the French legislator for the first time. In subsequent decisions,

social and economic rights set out in the 1946 Constitution, such as the right to work, to strike, and to health, were recognized.

Professor Helmut Steinberger, a member of the West German Federal Constitutional Court, spoke on the composition of the Court. Set up in 1951, the Court like the French Conseil, rules exclusively on constitutional questions. Divided into two Senates of eight members each, the election procedure guarantees one-third of the nominations to the party in power, one-third to the opposition, and one-third to other political factions. The most important procedure of the Court is the right of access given to the state and federal governments to bring controversies concerning the distribution of powers. The Court may also be called upon to decide whether an individual's rights have been violated by public authority. The Court is highly selective in its acceptance of citizens' complaints. Out of the 56,000 complaints brought, the Court has heard only 1.26%.

The fourth speaker, Francis Delpérée, professor titulaire at the Université Catholique de Louvain and director of the University's new Centre constitutionnel canadien, described the designation of judges to the new Belgian Cour d'arbitrage. Each candidate to the Court must be nominated by a 2/3 majority of Senators. The Senate then presents the list of first and second choice candidates for each of the 12 members of the court to

the King. In 1984, the King chose 11 of the first choice candidates and one of the second choices. The designation of judges is not only achieved by consensus among political factions, but is further restrained by linguistic norms: six of the judges must be francophone and six Flemish. Two presidents of the Court, one francophone and one Fleming, are chosen by other members of the Court and alternately occupy the office of president.

Archibald Cox, Professor at Harvard Law School, discussed the dilemma facing the United States Supreme Court: to create coherent public policy consistent with the sound development of the law. Cox told of a conversation he had had with Federal Justice Learned Hand while Cox was his law clerk. Hand asked, to whom am I responsible? No one can fire me. The Supreme Court can reverse me but not change my mind. Hand then pointed to the bookshelves lining the walls: I am responsible to them.

The final speaker, Rivas Posada, Rector of the Universidad de Los Andes and former Minister of National Education, spoke on the role of the Colombian Supreme Court of Justice. Similar to the Canadian Supreme Court, the Court is the final court of appeal and the court of constitutional control. Because the Colombian Civil Code was modeled upon the Napoleonic Code, the Court in its appellate division is similar to the French Cour de cassation. The upper

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QUARANTE ANS APRES

par Asher Neudorfer

Pologne, mai 1936. Ma mère, qui est la plus jeune de sa famille, salue ses frères et soeurs de la main pour la dernière fois au moment où elle quitte clandestinement son petit village. Au cours des quelques années suivantes, huit de ses frères et soeurs ainsi que ses parents sont assassinés par les nazis, certains à Auschwitz et à Dachau, d'autres pendant qu'ils militent dans la Résistance. Combien d'autres parents ai-je perdu dans des circonstances semblables? Je ne saurais plus les compter.

Autriche, août 1939. On choisit mon père pour qu'il fasse partie du dernier groupe de juifs à quitter l'Autriche, à un prix exorbitant payé par la communauté juive de Vienne, avant que la gestapo ne ferme à jamais la frontière. Le choix n'est pas facile. On préfère les jeunes hommes et femmes parce qu'ils ont la meilleure chance de survie. Mon père, qui à 24 ans, se trouve "chanceux". Il passe en Yougoslavie et plus tard, s'étant enrôlé dans la légion juive de l'armée britannique en Palestine, il combat le Wermacht d'Hitler en Afrique du nord. Le reste de sa famille et ses amis d'enfance trouvent la mort dans les fours crématoires (chambres à gaz) d'Europe. Il garde ce souvenir jusqu'à la fin de ses jours.

Aujourd'hui, 40 ans après qu'on a (sic) libéré l'Europe du fascisme et que les cendres de six millions de juifs et de millions

d'autres Européens ont été révélées au monde entier, des défenseurs des nazis et des marchands de haine sont actifs au Canada et ailleurs. Ils font régulièrement l'objet de reportages dans les journaux et à la télévision. Ronald Reagan, président du pays le plus puissant du monde, a baissé la tête dernièrement en hommage silencieux à des membres de la Waffen SS, corps hitlérien de tueurs d'élite, enterrés à quelques pieds d'où il se trouvait dans un cimetière de Bitburg. C'est de honte qu'il aurait dû baisser la tête.

Au Canada, il arrive presque tous les jours qu'on nie l'holocauste. Le monde entier voit ici les victimes de persécution devenir les accusés et le véritable criminel, soit Ernst Zundel, se vanter, après sa condamnation, d'avoir obtenu gratuitement l'équivalent d'un million de dollars de publicité. Cela ne devrait avoir rien d'étonnant puisque le Canada a fermé ses portes aux juifs européens cherchant à échapper à la persécution nazie. Des millions qui ont tenté de gagner notre pays, 5,000 juifs y ont été admis de 1933 à 1948. Le Canada a donné le pas à un monde décidément hostile aux réfugiés. D'autre part, selon les spécialistes, au moins 3,000 criminels de guerre nazis ont été accueillis au Canada (Gazette du 9 novembre 1984). Un seul d'entre eux, soit Albert Rauca, a été déporté. C'était en 1983.

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REAL WOMEN DON'T COOK QUICHE — THEY PLAY FLAG FOOTBALL!

The location: Forbes field. The date: Friday, October 4. The time: 8:10 p.m. (an ungodly hour to play football). A proud women's Law Flag Football Team hungry to extend its one-game winning streak faced a formidable opponent -- the "Ladies" of Engineering "B". The Engineers were known to be a more experienced squad, and also proved to be bigger, burlier and less concerned about notions of morality and ethics (i.e. the rules) than their legal-minded counterparts.

Leading Law into battle was the unflappable quarterback, Jill "Who Says I'm not Fast?" Samis, with a confidence-inspiring message in the huddle: "Remember team, these are people who couldn't get into law school!"

Despite the persistent efforts of the captain, backbone (and funnybone) of the Law team, Holly "Lightning Legs" Nickel, and of Darlene "The Ringer" McRae, the offence was unable to get on the scoreboard. However, because of a heroic (and considering the size of the opposition, deathdefying) performance by the defensive line, led by the Fearsome Front Four (Alida "Mad Dog" Gualtieri, "Killer" Karpel, Jane "Rambo" Graham and Karen "The Rock" Amaron) and backed up by Lorraine "Todd sent me"

Pilon and Donna "I can play any position -- just tell me which one!" McGraw, the game ended in a scoreless tie.

This is not to say, however, that the game lacked excitement. Spectators were whipped into a frenzy (and loved it!) as the Law team held the Engineers on the one-yard line for four dramatic downs (BIG D!) and blocked what most certainly would have been the game-winning field goal. (At this point, co-coaches Bob and Todd a.k.a. "The Dynamic Duo", reportedly jumped up and down and hugged each other in incredulous glee, amazed that a play they had sent in was executed...successfully!).

Of course, no football game would be complete without The Fans. Arriving better late than never from a previous engagement at Thompson House (limbering up exercises, no doubt) the Faculty of Law's answer to the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders provided action and (mis)adventure on the sidelines. Led by Bruce "The Juice" Crozier, these long-legged lovelies featured none other than "Rah-Rah" Robertson, "Sis-Boom-Bah" Smith, "Pom-Pom" Patterson, "Topsy" Todd Roberts, and a special surprise appearance by R. "Gorgeous" George. Their cries of "Inequitable! Un-

conscionable! Tort! 1053!" and "Stop that Amazon Brute!" inspired the Law team and warmed their hearts. (By the way, those wishing to join this (in)famous group are advised that tryouts and costume-fittings will be held this Wednesday at noon. Don't forget your tights!).

Among the enlightening post-game suggestions offered by the Fans: pre-game hormone testing on the Engineers (next time!) and a writ in every pocket for the Law team to counter all gratuitous acts of violence during the game. Thanks, guys!

New and old members of the Booster Club are reminded that the next game is 7:20 p.m., Friday, October 28 at Forbes field: Law vs. (uh-oh!) Engineer "A's". All can look forward to the return to the lineup of "The Terminator", none other than Janet Henchey.

Special P.S. to Andrea "Bruiser" Lockwood: We checked the rules and you're right -- they're NOT allowed to kick you in the face!

Sheila "Nobody Told Me I Would Get DIRTY!" Walsh

Del "Don't Give Me A Silly Nickname" Daignault

PLACEMENT CENTRE

Alberta

Mr. Andrew R. Hudson in his capacity as Chairman of the Hiring Committee of the firm EMERY JAMIESON, Edmonton, has indicated his firm's interest in contacting students wishing to article in Edmonton. This firm has advised that students wishing to be considered by this firm for 1987-88 may forward their resumés so that they may be considered in early December for the purpose of conducting interviews during the Christmas break. Interested parties should refer to Posting # 17.

Ontario

The firm of COHEN, MELNITZER, London, Ontario, are seeking two articling students for 1986/87. Interested parties should refer to Posting #10 and the contact person is: Mr. Russell Raikes
Cohen, Melnitzer
Royal Trust Tower
Suite 600, 137 Dundas St.,
London, Ontario
N6A 1E9

The Articling Vacancy list as prepared by Osgoode Hall Law School for the month of October is now posted.

Articling positions (2) with the firm of MACLAREN, CORLETT, CUZNER & GORDON, Ottawa, for the year 1986/87 are still available. Interested applicants should submit their resumés to this firm for possible interviews during the month of October. Details re submission of C.V.'s are available on Posting #14.

Students, preferably [but not essential] having a technical background (i.e. engineering or the sciences), are invited to

submit applications for articling positions for 1986/87 with the firm of SMART, & BIGGAR, Ottawa. Interested students should consult Posting #16 for more explicate details regarding the specialization of this firm.

Quebec

Ogilvy, Renault, Ottawa, is interested in hiring more stagiaires for either the stage beginning in May 1986 or November 1986. Students wishing to apply for these positions should send a C.V. and transcript of academic results to: Mr. G.B. Maughan
Ogilvy, Renault
1981 McGill Collee Avenue
Montreal, Quebec,
H3A 3C1

Refer to Posting #11.

Bilingual students who will have completed their third year by summer 1986 are invited to submit their C.V.'s for a stagiaire position with the firm of BAKER, NUDLEMAN LAMONTAGNE. For complete details please refer to Posting #13 in the Placement Centre.

Special Notice

Applications are invited for Baker & McKenzie's 1986 International Summer Clerkships programme. Successful applicants, selected from around the world, will be given the opportunity to experience international legal practice in two jurisdictions during the course of a single summer. Both law students and recent graduates are invited to apply. The firm as a whole anticipates appointing ten International Summer Clerks for 1986. Deadline for receipt of

applications is December 2, 1985. For complete details on this programme, please refer to Baker & McKenzie's notice in the Centre.

The notices regarding Clerkships to the Justices of the Supreme Court of Canada and Federal Court of Canada have now been posted. Please consult these notices for application instructions. Should you require further information, please consult Mr. Lemieux or Mrs. Higgins.

Students are reminded that the postings indicated above are only a portion of articling notices received by the Placement Centre. Articling Placement Survey Questionnaires, notices received from Osgoode Hall Law School, and various firm resumés are placed in binders in the Admissions office and made available for the use of law students. Due to a lack of available space in the Centre this was found to be the most efficient way of handling these sometimes very numerous articles. Resumés and firm info. received this week are:

Heeson, Kogan, Georgetown, Ontario
MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald, New Glasgow, N.S.
Murphy & Brown, London, Ontario
Kelly, Kermyn, Zuly, Oshawa, Ontario
Stikeman, Elliott, Ottawa, Ontario
Williams, McEney & Davis, Ottawa, Ontario
O'Neill, O'Reilly & Noseworthy, St. John's, NFLD.
Miller, Maki, Sudbury, Ontario
Benson, McMurtry, Toronto, Ontario

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SQUASH TOURNAMENT

Squash enthusiasts (students are pros alike) will be pleased to note that a faculty squash tournament and ladder are being set up. This will give all of you looking for partners a chance to meet new competitors and make new friends.

A list has been posted on the sports board in the pit. If you'd like to participate, write your name, ability (beginner, intermediate, advanced) and

phone number on the sheet. A tournament draw-sheet will be posted. The rankings at the end of the tourney will determine positions on the ladder. After that, it's up to you. Play as often as you like and challenge your way to the top rung.

Those wishing to learn the game shouldn't shy away! Every effort will be made to set up some informal lessons for you! What better chance to learn? If

you don't have rackets, they can be rented very inexpensively at the courts in the Currie Gym.

Why not join? It's a great way to break out of the law-books haze! It's fun! It's good for you! And...you'll be able to relate to law students and pros in an extra-curricular kinda way!

For more info, questions, or suggestions call Ali Argun at 739-5107.

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L'antisémitisme, qui n'est jamais enfoui trop loin dans le coeur des Canadiens, fait surface à nouveau sous l'influence des Zundel et des Keegstra, des incertitudes économiques et de l'indifférence d'autorités ne se souciant pas d'éduquer le public. L'affaire de Bitburg et le procès Zundel, au lieu de provoquer une vive et générale indignation, n'ont entraîné qu'une répétition d'observations du genre de la suivante: "Les juifs ne finiront-ils jamais de se plaindre? Pourquoi ne peuvent-ils pas simplement oublier le passé et rester tranquilles?" Une synagogue de Vancouver a été ravagée par une bombe incendiaire cette année. Dans mon quartier de Montréal, des swastikas recommencent à être peintes sur les murs la nuit par des peureux. La fédération des Canadiens d'ascendance ukrainienne a qualifié de chasse aux sorcières l'enquête Duchesne, si longtemps attendue, sur les criminels de guerre au Canada. "Pourquoi ressasser de pénibles souvenirs?" clame-t-on.

En 1946, Robert Jackson, principal avocat de la poursuite du procès de Nuremberg sur les crimes de guerre, déclarait ce qui suit: "Les torts que nous cherchons à condamner et dont nous cherchons à punir les responsables ont été tellement prémédités, maléfiques et dévastateurs que la civilisation ne saurait tolérer qu'ils soient ignorés parce qu'elle ne pourrait survivre s'ils se répétaient."

Quarante ans plus tard, on n'a pas appris les leçons de la dernière guerre mondiale. Dans bien des cas, elles sont inconnues. Nombreux sont ceux qui se rappellent que 40 millions d'humains sont morts pendant cette guerre. Pourtant, la course effrénée vers un holocauste nucléaire se poursuit. Hier, les politiques d'intolérance et de haine ont conduit au génocide. Aujourd'hui, même au Canada, la discrimination se poursuit sous toutes ses formes et est rarement condamnée par d'autres que les victimes elles-mêmes.

Est-ce coïncidence que les Zundel et les Keegstra aient semé la haine des

noirs, des indiens, des femmes et des québécois? La haine d'individus tels que Zundel n'est pas discriminatoire: ils haïssent également tout le monde.

Deux anniversaires tombent cette année. Le premier est le 40e anniversaire de la libération des camps de la mort. Je ne commémorerai pas cet événement car trop nombreux sont ceux qui étaient déjà morts au moment où les forces alliées sont venues délivrer la poignée de prisonniers qui restait. Auparavant, quand on avait si désespérément besoin d'aide et que l'aide aurait pu être la plus efficace, seule des excuses ont été données. Les cas d'exception, tel que celui du diplomate suédois Raoul Wallenberg, ne rendent que d'autant plus évidente l'indifférence des gouvernements alliés. En mai 1945, il ne restait principalement que des squelettes à libérer.

Le deuxième anniversaire est celui de la révolte du ghetto de Varsovie (avril 1943) qui a constitué la première insurrection mas-

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sive de l'Europe occupée par les nazis et pendant laquelle 50,000 juifs ont combattu avec acharnement des forces nazies d'une écrasante supériorité. L'extermination du ghetto de Varsovie, dont le commandant nazi avait prévu avec assurance qu'elle durerait au maximum quelques jours, n'a été achevée qu'après de nombreuses semaines et au prix de centaines de vie nazies. Avant d'y laisser leur peau, les juifs de Varsovie ont montré aux nazis ce qu'est la résistance et le courage humains. Ce que

j'honore, c'est que des hommes et des femmes ordinaires se soient affirmés contre l'oppression et la mort, même si cela leur a coûté la vie. Certains de mes parents sont peut-être morts en avril 1943 dans les ruines de Varsovie. Je n'en serai jamais sûr car les morts du ghetto n'ont pas de pierre tombale. Combien de personnes sont même conscientes qu'il y a eu résistance à Varsovie?

Les survivants des événements d'il y a 40 ans sont encore parmi nous. Ils nous rappellent des profondeurs auxquelles l'humanité peut s'abaisser si hommes et femmes de

bonne volonté ne résistent pas. Or, une fois que les derniers de ces survivants nous auront quittés, qui se rappellera tous ceux qui sont morts? Y a-t-il une nouvelle génération de juifs et de non-juifs qui jurera, comme mes parents, que jamais plus un peuple ne fera l'objet d'un holocauste, jamais plus il n'y aura de course vers la destruction mondiale, jamais plus nous ne nous permettrons de demeurer inactifs, par indifférence ou par crainte, devant la souffrance.

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Horwitz, M., Toronto, Ontario

Kostyniuk & Bangay, Toronto, Ontario
Ministry of the Environment, Toronto, Ontario
Sneath, Wilkins, Toronto, Ontario

R.L. & J.H. Webster, Toronto, Ontario
Paroian, Courey, Cohen & Houston, Windsor, Ontario
Stoyka & Chodola, Windsor, Ontario

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branch of the Supreme Court, the Conseil d'Etat, which rules on constitu-

tional questions, has been profoundly influenced by French jurisprudence and doctrine as well.

While the session proved to be highly informative,

it is hoped that subsequent conferences will inspire theorists to analyse and compare as well as describe the role of constitutional courts in democratic countries.

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courses to comply with existing semi-oblig requirements, they may wish to add and drop more courses next semester than the add/drop rule allows. Dean

Macdonald assures students that if they encounter this problem as a result of changed semi-oblig requirements they will not be subject to the rule. He added, however, that students must realize that a large number of changes at course-change time will

mean that students will have to be patient in order to find out if they were able to get into another course.

The Dean's Hot Seat was most informative. Hopefully, attendance will be increased in the future.

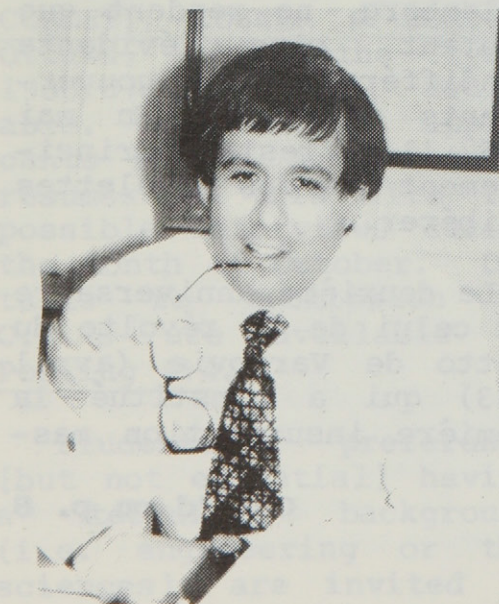
QUOTABLE QUOTES

"If I could breed judges I would breed them with the boldness of Laskin and the subtleness of Beetz. Heaven help us if we got a judge with the subtleness of Laskin and the boldness of Beetz."

Prof. Stephen Scott
Banking, October 4, 1985

"The only ones who subscribe to theory that constitutional conventions can crystallize into law are lefty-trendy-touchy-feely types...I don't like crystallization and I don't like people who like crystallization."

Prof. S.A. Scott



THE GLENNS GONE A'HUNTIN' OR, ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME PATRICK.

Mr. and Mrs. Professors Glenn are having the time of their lives in France. When last heard of, the couple was exploring lush French forests. Ignoring the territorial application of laws and armed with a rifle and his infamous green Quebec hunting permit, Mr. Prof Glenn was pursuing his prey so diligently that one one day he failed to notice a pit in the ground ahead. Plunging into the abyss, he was able

to seize a branch of a tree. While Mrs. Prof Glenn was screaming something about donatio mortis causa, her husband, clinging fearfully to the weakening timber, prayed to God for assistance. When a heavenly voice suggested that he prove his faith by releasing his hold on the limb, Mr. Prof Glenn, after pondering the proposition for a bit, was reported to have asked, "Is there anyone else up there?"

REUNION DU CONSEIL DE L'AED

C'est le mercredi 2 octobre qu'avait lieu la dernière des réunions du conseil de l'Association des étudiants en droit (LSA). Plusieurs sujets étaient à l'agenda et vous pourrez trouver d'ici peu le procès-verbal de la réunion affiché sur la porte du bureau de l'association.

Les points qui méritent d'être soulignés sont:

- a) l'élection d'un nouvel orateur: Dave Lametti;
- b) la concrétisation pro-

chaine du projet de partenaires (Law Partners);

- c) une contribution (petite) à la Gazette juridique, publiée annuellement par la CADED (pour ceux qui voudraient soumettre des articles, voir Yves Sicard -- étudiant 4e année);

d) la possibilité de créer des "meritas" pour les professeurs;

e) les heures du bureau de l'association (aussi affichées sur la porte du bureau);

f) la formation pour les

présidents des différentes classes du Comité des activités sociales.

Il est à noter que les présidents de première année, Maria Battaglia et David Morley conduiront sans peu une collecte dans le "pit" pour venir en aide au Mexique qui tente de se remettre des récents tremblements de terre.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF MOOTING

by Terry Pether

The following conversation took place upon a chance encounter with a first year student during Moot week:

First-Year Student: Hey! You write for the Quid. You must keep your ear to the ground. What's going on around here?

T.P.: What do you mean?

F.Y.S.: I just got back from the library. It's like a war-zone. The desks have been snatched from their tidy rows and there are case reporters all over the place.

T.P.: Oh, that's nothing. Second years are just getting organized for Moot week. Factums are due next Tuesday.

F.Y.S.: Organized! It's a madhouse! I should say that some of the students are looking a little shell-shocked.

T.P.: No, that's just the benumbing effects of the overwhelming paradox of time.

F.Y.S.: Gee whiz! What's that?

T.P.: That's the combined feeling that the end is nowhere in sight and the fear and panic that there aren't enough days in the Moot week to reem off a decent factum.

F.Y.S.: So why does everybody waste so much time?

T.P.: How so?

F.Y.S.: At the photocopies.

T.P.: They're brand new. They're lovely.

F.Y.S.: That's it?

T.P.: No. Everybody wants what everybody else has even before they confirm its utility. It's like one of those scavenger hunts. It's as if each Moot problem poses a mystery list of specific cases and doctrine to be discovered. Everybody wants the entire treasure.

F.Y.S.: So it's a competition?

T.P.: No. People are most cooperative. They'll offer you whatever you need, partly to be nice, partly to bask in the glory of having found a gem of a case or periodical article.

F.Y.S.: What about the poor student who keeps coming up dry?

T.P.: That's even better. It's great to find out that an alleged leading case is really totally useless. Less reading.

F.Y.S.: I think I get the picture. The whole experience is a disaster, so people pull together. Sort of like in Mexico recently.

T.P.: It's not that bad.

F.Y.S.: Oh yeah! I saw one guy weeping!

T.P.: He was probably just reading the citation manual.

F.Y.S.: I'm not looking forward to second year.

T.P.: No need to. You get your turn this year.



Portrait of a Mooter